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SUBJECT: SUGAR -- SELECTION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL
SUGAR ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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1. SELECTION PANEL FOR CHOOSING A NEW EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION (ISO)
HELD ITS SECOND MEETING ON APR 26. FROM THE LIST OF
14 SEMI-FINALISTS GIVEN IN REFTEL, 8 FINALISTS WERE
CHOSEN FOR INTERVIEW AS FOLLOWS:(OFFICIAL CANDIDATES)

NAME	NATIONALITY
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DR. P.C. ALEXANDER	INDIA
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MR. JOHN C. BURGH	UNITED KINGDOM
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MR. MICHAEL E. FLETCHER	SWAZILAND
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MR. P.J. DASS	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
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MR. FREDERICK M. KEARNS	UNITED KINGDOM
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MR. DAVID B. LAUGHTON	CANADA
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MR. WILLIAM K. MILLER	UNITED STATES
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MR. JOHN R. SHARPE	CANADA
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2. COMMENT: THIS LIST OF FINALISTS IS LONGER THAN
ANTICIPATED BECAUSE OF THE INTERVENTIONS OF CUBA AND
CANADA. CANADA PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN WILLING TO

GO ALONG WITH A SHORTER LIST EXCEPT FOR ITS INABILITY
TO DECIDE SO FAR, WHICH OF THE REMAINING TWO CANADIANS
WILL BE ENDORSED AS THE GOVERNMENT CANDIDATE. OF THE

EIGHT, WE THINK THAT DASS AND FLETCHER HAVE NO CHANCE
OF BEING CHOSEN. KEARNS DOES NOT SEEM TO BE IN A VERY
STRONG POSITION AND THE SAME MIGHT BE SAID FOR
ALEXANDER AND SHARPE. THOSE PRIMARILY IN CONTENTION
APPEAR TO BOIL DOWN TO THREE: MILLER, LAUGHTON AND
BURGH. INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD ON MAY 8.

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